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PENSACOLA has a Depth of 33 Feet of Water in the Channel at the Entrance of the Harbor.

HARD FIGHTING IS EXPECTED

Boers Block the Advance of Lord Roberts' Forces.

French's Cavalry was Driven Back Saturday, but a Larger Force Has Now Gone Forward and a Hot Battle is Looked For.

LONDON, March 5.—A dispatch from Lord Roberts' camp at Ofonton says that the cavalry under French, forming the advance guard of Lord Roberts' march toward Bloemfontein, is being steadily exposed in its progress eastward.

An attempt was made Saturday morning to oust a force of Boers occupying a strong position four miles east, but after an exchange of rifle shots and a half dozen shells from the Boer four-pounder, Gen. French retired.

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Fighting Near Dordrecht.

A big fight is on to-day near Dordrecht. It began yesterday and lasted all day. The British drove the Boers from their advance lines at Lu Buschaghe Neck last night and slept on arms in the captured Boer trenches, expecting the battle to begin again early this morning.

Plans Kept Secret.

The silence of the war office concerning the movement of the main British army in South Africa continues, though enough information is leaked to indicate that the campaign is being steadily carried forward.

There are now practically three British armies in the field—one in the Free State, one in Cape Colony and one in Natal. The former is due to a body of Boers estimated at about 6,000. It is impossible to speculate on the movements of Lord Roberts, as his plans are being kept carefully concealed.

Merely Rumors.

A dispatch from Lorenzo Marques says persistent reports continue to prevail that the Transvaal government has opened negotiations looking to securing peace.

On the other hand it is as persistently rumored that the Boers will make a determined stand at Glencoe and Ladingsnek and that in the meantime the intrenchments at Pretoria are being extended in anticipation of a siege.

A high authority at Bloemfontein says that in the event of the repulse of the Free State forces by Lord Roberts, they will retire towards the Transvaal and unite with their brethren there, maintaining the struggle to the end.

THE SUGAR TRUST.

First Step Taken Toward Raising Prices.

NEW YORK, March 5.—The Brooklyn house of the sugar trust shut down last night and threw five hundred people out of employment. This is said to be the first step toward an increase in price, which is to be forced by the trust by reducing the output of sugar. This was made possible by the passage of the Porto Rican tariff bill.

Clutter Conservatory of Music.

The piano pupils for the conservatory will come at usual hours. We will make special rates and give personal attention to beginners in piano class. The first lessons are the most important. For further information call at Clutter's Music House.

Earthquake Shocks.

VIENNA, March 5.—Several earthquake shocks were felt throughout southern Tyrol late last night. They were particularly strong at Trento and Arco, where the inhabitants were thrown into a wild panic, but no lives were lost.

Cotton Quotations.

NEW YORK, March 5.—Cotton is quoted to-day as follows: March, 9.51; April, May, June, and July, 9.56; August, 9.48.

Tennessee Minister Killed.

CHATTANOOGA, March 3.—A special from Jamestown, Tenn., says that Rev. Ganney, who lived in what is known as the Hard Settlement of the Fourth district of Fentress county, was shot and killed by Henry Head, in a dispute over the ownership of saw logs. Warrants have been taken for Head and the sheriff is after him.

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A THOUSAND ARMED NEGROES

They Seek to Avenge the Slaying of Jim Crosby.

Crosby, his Wife and Daughter Were Shot Down by Unknown Assassins—Whites are Well Armed and a Horrible Slaughter is Feared.

LEONHART, Ala., March 5.—A thousand negroes here are up in arms over the assassination of one of their leaders.

Jim Crosby was called to his door at midnight Saturday and riddled with buckshot. The assassins then rushed over his bleeding body, dragged his wife and little daughter from their bed and shot them several times, leaving them for dead.

The negroes for fifty miles around crowded to this place. They declare they know the perpetrators of the horrible deed and will have revenge.

The whites are well armed and if the negroes fire the first shot there will be a horrible slaughter.

A negro who shot the merchant, Howell, several days ago, was lynched. The negroes declared they would have revenge. Crosby was their most fearless spokesman and it is supposed it was some of those implicated in the lynching who assassinated him.

THE POLICE COURT.

Dr. Greely Impersonates a Policeman in a Mardi Gras Suit.

There were quite a number of law breakers before Mayor Hilliard this morning, as is usually the case on Monday.

Dr. Greely, an old herb doctor, whose place of business is at the corner of Government and Tarragona streets, impersonated a policeman Saturday night by putting on one of the uniforms used by men in the Mardi Gras parade. He was tried this morning and discharged.

W. A. Matheum, two charges, one for being drunk, the other for carrying concealed weapons, was fined \$55. Annie McPherson, charged with assaulting Ella Tyson with her hand, was fined \$10.

Gerome Hilliard and Jas. Owens, charged with obstructing the sidewalk, were fined \$10 each. Chas. Burst, a white vagrant, was sent up for 30 days.

J. G. Curran and Maud Curran, disorderly by quarreling, were discharged.

Lee Thomas, charged with assaulting Josephine Crosby with his fist, was fined \$25.

Laura Allbritton and Lizzie Smith, charged with staying in a place where lewdness and indecency is practiced, were fined \$10 each. J. B. Lee, charged with cursing Whitfield Ingraham, was fined \$7.50.

BOLD ROBBER CONFESSES.

Makes a Clean Breast of Numerous Crooked Deeds.

ATLANTA, March 3.—John H. Soock, Jr., the social highwayman, who confessed to the Kimball hotel robbery, proves, upon his own statement, to be a professional crook.

During the past few years he has led a double life, at different times stealing sums of money and diamonds from his business associates.

The Kimball robbery, however, was the most daring of all, occurring in broad daylight. Telling of the crime before the jury he said:

"When I saw the money I just couldn't help taking it. My wife needed it. I went to the telephone in Palmer's drug store and asked for Cave. When he went to the telephone I pried open the spring lock with my pocket-knife and took the money."

Detective Looney, who was employed upon the case, went at once to Soock's residence and charged him with the theft. Soock denied at first having any connection with it, but finally confessed, and agreed, under promises of escaping prosecution, to return the money. He went into the house and brought out a package. This was given to Manager Sooville and it proved to contain exactly the amount stolen. There were checks to the amount of \$1,040.26 and \$427 in cash in the package.

Soock says that he waited for an opportunity and then went to the telephone in Palmer's drugstore and called Cashier Cave. Upon being assured that he would be sent for, Soock returned to the entrance, where he saw Mr. Cave leave the office. It was but the work of a moment to slip inside, open the spring lock with the blade of his knife and take the money. He went with it at once to his home and divided the checks into a separate package, intending to return them to the Kimball and keep the money.

Before he could do this, however, he was approached by the detective and gave way and confessed to the deed.

You Must Incubinate.

FORT VALLEY, Ga., March 3.—A scheme of several small boys, sons of prominent families, to burn Grady institute was discovered in time to be nipped in the bud by Night Marshal Newell. The names of the boys have not been made public.

IN NO BIG HURRY FOR RECIPROCITY

United States Is Not Urging the German Negotiations.

GERMANY NOT YET READY

Officials Believe It Possible to Avoid Prohibition of Trade With a Disfranchising Nation Without Recourse to the Powers.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—While technically speaking, negotiations looking to the making of a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Germany are still in progress practically nothing has been accomplished in that direction since the departure of the German ambassador, Herr von Hoeben, for Germany early last summer.

There is no disposition on the part of the officials of the state department to embarrass the German government by any insistence at this time upon an active prosecution of the negotiations.

While far from satisfactory, the existing conditions of the American export trade with Germany can, it is believed by the officials, be tolerated for a short time.

The officials are hopeful that the time will be short, resting their belief not upon any direct assurances from the German authorities, but rather upon reports of the political situation in Germany.

It is understood that when the German government has secured what it regards as certain essential of legislation from the reichstag, it will be in better condition than it is at present to meet the expectations of the United States.

At any rate, it is a conviction of this kind that has inspired the United States government to avoid any urgent representations connected with the reciprocity negotiations at this stage.

There is perhaps another reason for the negative course taken by our government. This is a desire to learn just what effect the ratification by the United States senate of the pending French reciprocity treaty would have upon the German government.

It is said here that as the French treaty gives preferential rates to many articles which figure largely in the list of German exports to the United States the effect of the practical application of the French treaty would be to confer upon France all that share of the American market now occupied by Germany.

To save this important trade to her manufacturers, Germany must secure a similar reciprocity treaty, and this can only be secured by an abatement of the restrictions upon American meats and other products.

Thus by natural laws of commerce, it is conceived by the officials that we may be able to avoid a recourse to the powers lodged in the president, of prohibition of trade with a nation that discriminates against the United States.

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BUTLER OPPOSED TO DATE.

Chairman of National Populists Says Democrats Are Scheming.

RALEIGH, March 3.—Senator Butler, national Populist chairman, in an editorial in his paper here says:

"It was well known that Mr. Bryan favored an early date for the national Democratic convention. The date fixed is the latest on which any national convention has been held in many years. The action of the committee is no doubt a surprise to the public."

"The national committee man from Nebraska, Chairman Jones and others known to be closest to Bryan, favored a date not later than June 6. It is clear that the purpose of those who wanted a late date was to try to prevent co-operation between the Democrats, Populists and silver Republicans on Bryan. We predict that the convention, in spite of these schemes, will declare for harmonious co-operation."

Suicide For Lack of Funds.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 3.—Joseph Sombert, a well known druggist, walked into a drugstore last night and helped himself to a large quantity of morphine. He swallowed 2 ounces of the drug and died in half an hour. Sombert was well connected, having come originally from Missouri, where his parents are wealthy. It is said Sombert was depressed because he could not get money from home, where he claimed to have \$3,500.

Died on Duty.

LOFT PARK, Ga., March 3.—J. R. Holtzclaw, station agent for the Georgia Southern and Florida railroad, is dead. Mr. Holtzclaw had a hemorrhage about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. A hack drove up to the depot to carry him to the hotel and he said to the doctor that he could not go until his train came at 5:35 o'clock. After meeting the train he locked the door and was driven to the hotel, where he died in a short time.

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MACHINISTS' STRIKE NEAR A COMPROMISE

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Is Looked Upon Merely As a Test of the Strength of the Machinists' Union—Conference Arranged Between Employers and Strikers.

CHICAGO, March 3.—Until the strike of the union machinists in Chicago shall begin to show results one way or the other, the indications today were that union machinists will not be ordered out in other cities and the strike will be confined so far as possible to that trade alone in Chicago.

President James O'Connell of the International Association of Machinists will go to Columbus, O., the first of the week in response to a telegram stating that a conference had been arranged between the striking machinists and their employers and expressed himself as confident that the strike in that city would be settled amicably in a short time.

The strike in Chicago is looked upon as a test of the strength of the union by the labor leaders and unions affiliated with the Material Trades Council, which yesterday resolved to support the machinists to the end, will not be ordered out unless conditions demand it.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Machinists' union was held today to map out a plan of campaign and to arrange for funds for carrying on the strike to a successful conclusion.

A number of small firms not affiliated with the Manufacturers' association, signed the union scale during the day and the men were told to report for work. So far, however, there are no signs of yielding by the Manufacturers' association.

Trouble at the Deering harvester works, which was expected to involve several hundred of the employees, has not so far materialized. According to the Deering officials not over 20 machinists have quit work.

TO SAVE FROM LYNCHING.

Quarrel of Negroes Taken From Talladega to Anniston.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 3.—Six negroes charged with murder were brought to the Jefferson county jail here from Talladega yesterday to save them from lynching. They were Elbert Curry, Sam Gray, William Hardnut and Wade Hardnut, who were arrested on Curry's confession for the murder of Pink Dobbin, an old farmer, who was butchered to death on the outskirts of Talladega for his money, and Nathan Ragland and George Calhoun, who had been in jail several months, charged with other murders.

Shortly before midnight the sheriff learned that a big mob had been formed and was moving on the jail for the avowed purpose of lynching every murderer in it, six in number. He accordingly organized a force of deputies, hustled the murderers out the back way, chartered a special train and hurried away with them for Birmingham. Learning this the mob members who reached the jail just as the special train left the depot discharged their guns and dispersed.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS.

National Convention Called to Meet in Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, March 3.—A call for a convention of all the electrical contractors in the United States, to be held in this city on March 16, has been issued by the Pittsburg Electrical Contractors association. The object of the convention is to take some defensive action consequent upon the combination of the electrical supply houses and the probable advancing of prices on material.

There are in the United States over 4,000 electrical contractors who are rated by the commercial agencies at \$20,000 and over. Fully 1,000 of these are expected to attend the convention to be held here and an effort will be made to form a national organization.

Southern Railway's Earnings.

LOUISVILLE, March 3.—The Southern has made a statement of its earnings and expenses for the month of January and for the seven months from July 1 to Jan. 31. Gross earnings for January were \$2,639,032, an increase of \$272,122 over the same month last year; net earnings \$170,301, an increase of \$59,439. For the seven months gross earnings have been \$18,532,156, an increase of \$2,024,133; net earnings \$6,167,901, an increase of \$147,393.

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SUBJECTED TO GREAT CRITICISM.

Effect May Be Serious to Younger Members—How Status of Islands May Be Decided—A Governor's Observations.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—[Special.]—The man who breaks with his party, especially in a crisis, has a very hard time of it and is subjected to a great deal of criticism. The men in congress who could not agree with their party associates upon the Porto Rican tariff, and there were many more than the vote showed, had to stand for a great deal of earnest and prayerful argument. No man likes to get outside the party lines, and he suffers a great deal when he finds his views and conscientious scruples prevent him from supporting what the majority of his party decides upon. Nothing in the way of party differences has occurred in recent years to cause such bitter feelings within the party as the determination of a number of Republicans to oppose a tariff on Porto Rican products in opposition to the wishes of a large majority of the party, and especially when that majority was composed of the members long in service and included most of the recognized leaders.

To the young men the break was most serious, as in some cases it threatened their standing in the future and might figure badly in their careers in the house. The necessity for an almost solid Republican vote, because the opposition was united, made the break harder and added to the criticism.

To the Highest Court.

Some time it is expected that the status of the islands ceded by Spain will be decided in the supreme court of the United States. Nearly every lawyer outside of those on the bench has expressed an opinion one way or another as to whether or not the constitution extends over the islands and whether this country has any right to levy a tariff on goods coming from the islands. But at the same time the matter will not be determined until a decision is rendered by the supreme court, and to that body it will come if, in the final legislation by both senate and house, a tariff is imposed. While supreme court decisions do not alter the opinion of men in all cases, they settle the controversy.

Not that it will have any bearing upon the decision of the court, but merely as a matter of interest, I will observe that the court at present is more evenly balanced in a party sense than it has been since David Davis left it in 1877 to become a senator from Illinois. There are now seven Republicans and two Democrats. Neither of these Democrats is a silver man or in accord with the majority of the party on the great issue. One is believed to have a leaning toward protection. On the other hand, one of the seven Republicans is said to believe in free trade, which does not harmonize with his party.

Observed by a Governor.

"Things do not change much here," said Governor Lind of Minnesota, as he looked over the senate. "It seems to be very much as it was when I was in congress seven years ago. There is Senator Morgan, talking just as he was when I used to come over from the house. Yes, and he is talking about Hawaii, too, and so far as I can distinguish, he is making the same speech. No, you do not change very much, though there are some new faces, but the men that were here do not seem to have grown the least bit older. In the house there has been a great change, and the new faces predominate. Those I know are now in the minority."

Speaking of Senator Morgan and the Hawaiian bill reminds me that about the most bitter things that Senator Tillman said lately were directed at the Alabama senator during the debate. The South Carolina senator did not get a reply from Senator Morgan.

Reed in the Court.

Ex-Speaker Reed as a practitioner before the supreme court attracts as much attention as the court. Those who knew him as speaker and for four years as leader of the minority on the floor of the house take much interest in him. He is very retiring and modest in the court. So far he has had to make only a commonplace routine mo-

tion. On such occasions he waits until several other lawyers have made their motions and then he rises. Some other lawyer rises, and Mr. Reed settles back in his chair. This is repeated two or three times, and then the chief justice looks directly at him, ignoring all others, and this is followed by his saying in his well known drawl, "May it please the court," followed by what he wants.

"I suppose he got a pretty good fee for that one unimportant sentence," said a layman the last time Reed was here. "I should rather guess yes," was the response of a lawyer. "One attorney who came here," he continued, "found a United States senator on the other side. He thought the court would be impressed if he got a senator associated with him to make a formal motion such as that made by Mr. Reed. This senator to whom he applied demurred at first, saying any one could ask for a writ. But the outside attorney persisted, and the senator made the motion. A few days later he received a check for \$250 to pay for the service. These lawyers do not work for nothing." ARTHUR W. DUNN.

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FOURTEEN-STORY BUILDING.

Atlanta to Have a New Skyscraper Erected Soon.

ATLANTA, March 3.—President T. Jefferson Coolidge, Jr., of the Old Colony Trust company of Boston is spending a few days in Atlanta and is accompanied by Samuel Carr of Boston.

Mr. Coolidge is one of the largest stockholders in the Tifton, Thomasville and Gulf railroad, now being constructed between Tifton and Thomasville. Mr. H. M. Atkinson is president of the road.

Mr. Coolidge will shortly erect a magnificent 14-story office building at the corner of Broad and Marietta streets. It will be known as the Empire building.

Mr. Coolidge stated that as soon as the Empire building was constructed he would probably begin the construction of another big office structure in Atlanta. He has already purchased the property on which it is probable the contemplated structure will be built. Mr. Coolidge is enthusiastic in his praises of Atlanta.

N W Birmingham Buildings.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 3.—The report of the chief of fire department for the month of February shows that permits for the erection of new buildings in Birmingham were issued last month to the amount of \$25,340. The largest of these was for a building of a new freight depot for the Louisville and Nashville railroad, valued at \$12,000.

Harrison Opposes the Bill.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 3.—In response to the question whether he had, as reported in conversation with friends, expressed an opinion adverse to the Porto Rican bill, General Harrison today said: "Yes, I regard the bill as a most serious departure from the right principles."

He Fooled the Surgeons.

All doctors told Beniek Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest Pile cure on Earth, and the best Salve in the World. 28 cents a box. Sold by W. A. D'Alemberte, Druggist.

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